

Education Committee

Scholar-in-Residence

The Education Committee is proud to start Sha'ar Zahav's Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebration with a Scholar-in-Residence Weekend. On Friday, June 8, Rabbi Stacey Offner will speak at Shabbat services on "Levites and Lepers: A Coming of Age." On Saturday, June 9, Rabbi Offner will lead a class in Torah study. That evening, all congregation members are invited to meet Rabbi Offner at an open house reception.

Stacey Offner is rabbi of Congregation Shir Tikvah, the New Reform Congregation of the Twin Cities. Rabbi Offner has a respected list of "firsts" to her credit, including being the first woman to serve as a pulpit rabbi in Minnesota. She is the recipient of the 1988 Founding Feminist Award from the Ramsey Women's Political Caucus and has been honored by the St. Paul, Minn., lesbian and gay communities. Rabbi Offner is also Adjunct Professor of Jewish Studies at Hamline University and has lectured at Brandeis University, University of Minnesota, and other notable institutions.

Rabbi Offner is especially interested in the power of the written word. For Judaism, the Jewish tradition, and equally

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Shavuot

Shavuot, the third of the three harvest festivals in our calendar, is celebrated seven weeks after Passover. Our observance will begin with a pot-luck dairy supper on Tuesday evening, May 29, at 7 pm with our festival evening service, commemorating the revelation at Mt. Sinai, at 8:15. The highlight of Shavuot evening is *tikkun*—an (almost) all-night study session. This year we will be exploring the Book of Ruth, traditional Jewish sexual ethics and other topics with Rabbi Yoel Kahn, Susan Sobel-Feldman and other teachers. Music, noshing and star-gazing are also on the agenda. We will continue until midnight ... and beyond, if interest lasts. Please join us for all (or part) of this wonderful CSZ tradition.

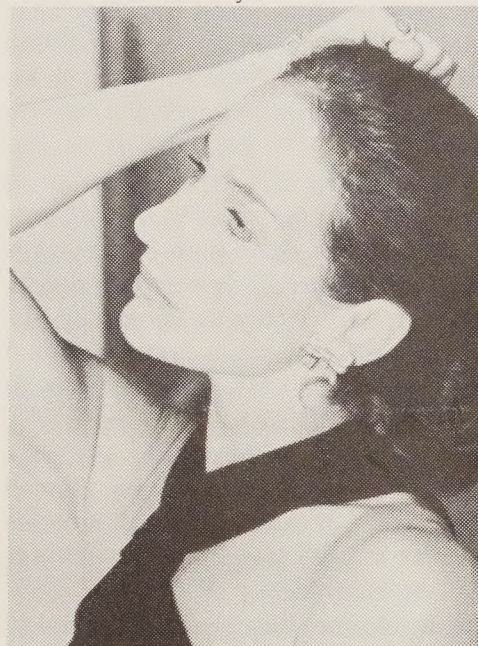
Adult Education

The Education Committee is offering two courses for the spring semester. The first: Emily Silverman will teach *Feminism and Judaism*. This course will explore the topic using traditional texts, current writings, and personal journals. Ms. Silverman has structured the course

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"Girls' Night Out" (For Girls and Boys)

Andrea Marcovici, critically acclaimed torch singer and award-winning actress, will sing "Girls' Night Out" in a benefit for the Women's Cancer Resource Center at the Great American Music Hall at 8 pm on Sunday, May 27 (Yom Memorial Day).



Though "Girls' Night Out" is an evening of songs and poetry written by women, *everyone* is invited to attend. Andrea herself has said, "This is not an evening of male-bashing or a pajama party." Therefore, both the Women's Chavurah and the Social Program Committee are organizing a CSZ party to attend the benefit.

Ms. Marcovici sold out a two-week run at San Francisco's Plush Room this past winter. She was recently awarded the Bay Area Critics' Circle award for her performance in Shaw's *Saint Joan*. Those who have heard her sing say that she is a talent of the first magnitude, so this is an event not to miss!

Tickets are \$15. For information and reservations, call Marc Mencher at 626-9592 by May 20. (It is requested that people who attend this event refrain from wearing scented products.)

13th Anniversary Schedule of Events

Scholar-In-Residence Weekend with Rabbi Stacey Offner, June 8-9 at Sha'ar Zahav

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Service, June 29, 8 pm, at the Unitarian Center, with special recognition of people who have contributed to the growth of our congregation and our community:

- Mayor Art Agnos
- Rabbi Robert Kirschner, Congregation Emanu-El
- Sharon Silverman, Past President, Congregation Sherith Israel
- Rabbi Martin Weiner, Congregation Sherith Israel

13th Anniversary Celebration, June 30, 8:30-midnight at the Green Room of the War Memorial Building, featuring live music by "Hot Borscht," dessert and champagne.

Look for your invitation in the mail by the end of May.

Volunteers are needed to help decorate for the party. If interested, contact Susan Gelmis at 759-0252.

Operation Exodus: Values and Vision

We are witnesses today to one of the most important chapters in the long history of our people. One of the major effects of *perestroika* in the Soviet Union is the opening of its borders. As many as a million and a half Soviet Jews whose continuing oppression has been our concern for many years will leave the land of their oppression for freedom. Refuseniks who have been harassed and rebuffed for years have been granted visas; thousands upon thousands of other Soviet Jews, long denied access to Jewish culture, education, tradition and contact with other Jews, are now eagerly seeking to understand a heritage whose primary meaning until now has been their experience of anti-Semitism. All wrestle with the question of their futures. Many Jews will choose to stay in the Soviet Union; many others, unsure of their future and equally unsure of how long this window of opportunity will last, are making plans to emigrate. The United States, a country founded by immigrants, has strict quotas on the number of immigrants and refugees it will admit each year. Although most of us are direct descendants of Jews who fled from Eastern Europe in search of a better life in this country, only a small proportion of our sisters and brothers seeking to leave the Soviet Union today will be allowed into the United States. Where else can they go? Israel, the Jewish homeland, established to be a place of refuge for Jews from around the world, is preparing to take them in.

"Operation Exodus" is the name of the massive effort to organize the exodus of the long-oppressed Jewish community of the Soviet Union and to provide for their resettlement in Israel, America and other sympathetic lands. On too many occasions in the past, we have been slow to respond to our fellow Jews' cries for help, or, lamentably, we did not have the means to help. Freedom does not come without cost. Bringing masses of Soviet Jews to Israel means providing housing, schools and jobs, lest the invitation to a new life prove empty. Our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents were helped by those who came before, sending money for passage, sponsoring refugees, taking newcomers into their homes, finding jobs. Today, it is our generation's time to

help. We are a people which has known exile again and again; this is a time of another homecoming.

Rabbi Alexander Schindler has called on "each and every American Jew, in all our congregations throughout the land, working through our local federations, to join in this partnership in reunion, to lend hand and heart and pocketbook so that we may together enter history. For that is what is here at stake. Together, it has been given us to write a new chapter, to make possible a new beginning, to bring new life to our people and to our dream—the dream of freedom, of peace, of home. In *this* book of life, it is we who must inscribe our names."

The umbrella institutions of the organized Jewish community in North America are local Jewish community federations. Sha'ar Zahav membership is served specifically by the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco and the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties, and by the Jewish Community Federation of the East Bay. Our local federations are working with national Jewish organizations and the State of Israel to raise the necessary money and to implement the goals of Operation Exodus. Locally, the San Francisco Jewish Community Federation has been engaged in a strategic planning process for the past several years. The final report of this process, "Values and Vision: A Strategic Plan" was recently issued. It is an historic and significant document for our community.

Among the conclusions of the Strategic Plan is the recognition of how many gay and lesbian Jews there are in the Bay Area Jewish community and the need to target outreach efforts. While this is of course no news to us, it is a very important step for the organized Jewish community. The recommendations of the report for reaching out to gay and lesbian Jews include encouraging agencies to adopt formal non-discrimination policies; seeking gay community representation on the boards of Jewish agencies; promoting an inclusive definition of family; offering programs for inter-faith lesbian/gay families and jointly sponsoring programs with CSZ.

At this time, this is just a plan—we need to work with our supporters and friends in the Federation and the organ-

ized Jewish community to fully implement its recommendations. Reading this report gives me pride in our community, of the many members of our congregation who have worked hard over the years to educate the wider Jewish community, and of the visionary leaders who prepared this document. We say to the Jewish Community Federation, as Operation Exodus gears up, and on the occasion of the completion of its aptly named "Values and Vision: A Strategic Plan." *Yasher ko'ach*—continuing strength!

—Rabbi Yoel Kahn

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Members of the Congregation receive the *Forward*. For a donation of \$12/year, non-members will receive the *Forward*.

All newsletter copy should be typed, double-spaced and is due no later than the date of the Va'ad meeting. It should be sent to the synagogue office, marked to the attention of the *Forward*. All material is subject to editing; material will not be returned.

Members of the Newsletter Committee are Alita Rosenfeld & Howard Blechman, co-chairs, Leonard Brill, Joan Gelfand, Lane Schickler and Robin Leonard (general editorial and production), Michael Bettinger and Shirley Liberman (photographers), Rick Wilson (advertising coordinator), Allan Brandstein, Frank Hyman, Alex Ingersoll, Hal Podgur, Sam Thal and Eli Weinstein (distribution). The *Forward* is typeset by David Lester, Mouse Type Inc., and printed by Lou Greene.

Display Ads are \$15 per column inch for non-members and \$10 per column inch for members, with discounts available for size and frequency. Ads should be camera ready; any ads that require typesetting, camera and/or artwork will be subject to a one-time production charge.

Classified Ads are \$5 for up to 20 words, plus \$1 for each 10 additional words. No personals accepted.

Payment must accompany ad and should be sent to Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, 220 Danvers at Caselli, San Francisco, California 94114, marked attention *Forward* advertising. The advertising deadline is the second Monday of the month. The *Forward* reserves the right to reject any ad for reasons of taste.

At Sixth International AIDS Conference

Although the UAHC has not taken an official position on the clinically absurd and discriminatory policy of the INS—a policy which requires visitors to the United States to declare their HIV status—many of us on the AIDS Committee are outraged. We thought about recommending that the UAHC join the boycott of the conference, but decided instead to do everything we could (including lobbying our elected officials) to get the policy changed. We have several activities planned for the conference, hoping the policy will be changed by then.

From June 20 to 24 the UAHC AIDS Committee will have a booth in the exhibition area so that we can meet with delegates, distribute materials and talk about a Jewish response to the AIDS epidemic. (*Volunteers are needed to staff the booth; if you can volunteer even an hour or two, please call me at the synagogue office.*) As those who staffed our booth at the New Orleans Biennial can tell you, this is a mitzvah that's fun. You meet interesting people, make new friends and get to talk about what we as a congregation and a movement are doing to help those who live with AIDS. I'll have a meeting with all volunteers a week or so before the conference to coordinate our activities.

Also at the conference, the committee will have a Poster Session call "The UAHC Committee on AIDS: A Model of Denominational Response."

In early March, the committee had its semi-annual meeting at University Synagogue in Los Angeles. We did a lot of planning, not only for the conference,

but also for the future. Clearly we need to target some of our educational efforts to teenagers, to whom AIDS is increasingly a threat, especially if they already have a problem with alcohol or drugs. We now have a curriculum for teaching about AIDS at every level of the religious school, from primary grades to adult education.

And Rabbi Schindler has broadened the charge of the committee. He wants us to tackle the homophobia still present in the congregations, schools and other institutions of Reform Judaism, as well as in our families and work places. We've already started. We're preparing articles on homophobia for Reform Jewish publications, including congregation newsletters. We'll have model sermons for rabbis to give. And we are recommending that every UAHC region have workshops on gay and lesbian Jews at their regional biennials. That's for starters.

Homophobia is a tough nut to crack, as every one of us knows. But if any committee can have an impact in our movement of Reform Judaism, this one can. It's a lot like Sha'ar Zahav in that regard.

—Mike Rankin, UAHC Liaison

Oneg Sponsors

During March and April onegs were sponsored by the following generous people:

- 3/9 Paul Cohen, in memory of his father
- 3/30 Howard Blechman, in memory of Ron Gertz
- 4/13 Jeffrey Davidson, in honor of the congregation
- 4/20 Cheri Pies, in memory of Lynn Campbell
- 4/27 Robin Leonard and Lee Ryan, in honor of Merry Luskin's new job

All you have to do to sponsor an oneg is to think of the occasion and contact the synagogue office (861-6932). The cost of sponsoring an oneg is \$50. You can also provide the food, flowers, etc. for a more personal touch.

Condolences

To **Michael Erceg** on the loss of his mother, Katherine Erceg.

To **Peter Hart** on the loss of his brother, Edward A. Hart, Jr.

To **Lyssa Friedman** on the loss of her friend, Sigrid Wurschmidt.

To the congregation on the loss of its member, Michael Lipson.

1990 Elections

Each CSZ member should have received a packet of materials for our 1990 elections, to be held on Sunday, May 20, at 4 pm. If you haven't received the packet, please contact the office. The packet includes candidates' statements and instructions for obtaining an absentee ballot. The slate of candidates is:

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| President | Merry Luskin |
| Vice President | open |
| Recorder | Gail Friedlander |
| Treasurer | Brett Trueman |

For five open Va'ad positions (in alphabetical order):

Claudia Bernard
Tiela Chalmers
Lisa Katz
Jeffrey Miller
Judith Schwartz
Peter Vishniac (*candidate by petition*)

Circle May 4 on your calendar. All members are invited and encouraged to attend "Candidates' Night" in our sanctuary after kiddush on Friday, May 4. It's a time to ask the candidates questions, let them know what's important to you, and hear their answers and views on synagogue affairs.

Also circle May 20 on your calendar. Your attendance at our annual meeting is urgently requested!

Annual Shabbat Hike

The Spirituality Chavurah is sponsoring a shabbat hike on Mount Tamalpais on May 19. Please bring your favorite picnic-style snacks to enjoy with everyone and wear your most comfortable walking/hiking shoes. The trail we will walk is suited to all levels of hikers. So join us for a beautiful afternoon. We will meet at 11 am at the Pantoll Ranger Station located at the foot of the mountain. For further information, please contact Larry Wexler at 523-6775.



Anniversaries

5/3 Marc Mencher & Kirk Hinman
 5/25 Michael Bronn & Tom Willhite
 5/29 Carol Heller & Annie Larson
 6/12 Irene Ogus & Rosalinda Del Moral
 6/13 Yoel Kahn & Dan Bellm
 6/13 Julie Moed & Cathy Miller
 6/19 Grace Laurencin & Laurie Hauer
 6/19 Lane Schickler & Jim Perkins
 6/21 Lolma Olson & Beth Reed
 6/21 Debbi Jacobs & Joel Levine
 6/24 Lyssa Friedman & Daphne Stuart
 6/30 Alita Rosenfeld & Kate Sharp

New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained several new members and friends in April. A warm welcome to the latest people to join our family:

Daniel Bonett
 Stuart Feinhor
 Rachel Mailman
 Micheal Mohr

New members are welcomed and honored at Friday night services on the last Friday of the month. By making them feel a part of our family, we can all help to show our new members that they have a valuable place at Sha'ar Zahav.

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for us today, the political implications of language usage are of immense importance. For Shabbat Torah Study on June 9, Rabbi Offner will lead the congregation in an exploration of the political implications of language usage in three distinct genres of Jewish literature: the Biblical, the mystical, and the liturgical. The program will begin at 1 pm and all members are invited.

Saturday evening from 5 to 7:30, members are invited to meet Rabbi Offner at an informal open house held at Rabbi Kahn and Dan Bellm's, 61 Ford St. in San Francisco. Please contact the office to let them know you will be attending the open house.

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Dubovsky Exhibit

The paintings and drawings of Berkeley painter and professor Anthony Dubovsky, winner of the first Max and Sophie Adler Award for excellence by a Bay Area artist in a sustained series of drawings, paintings and/or sculptures dealing with Jewish subject matter, will be on display at the Jewish Community Museum May 17 through August 12.

Anthony Dubovsky is an associate professor of architecture and visual

studies at U.C. Berkeley. Describing his work, he states, "I call these pictures imagined memories. Their starting point is a movement, a gesture, a particular shade of warm or cool. They are guided by the stories from Torah, and the history of Jewish life in exile."

The Jewish Community Museum, 121 Steuart St., San Francisco, is open Sunday and Tuesday through Friday, 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is free.

Dr. Diane Sabin

C H I R O P R A C T O R

3892 24th Street, San Francisco, CA 94114 415/826-8300

"Personalizing Passover" Weekend

The Education Committee sponsored a First Annual Congregational Passover Weekend at Camp Swig March 23–25. It was an overwhelming success with over 60 members of the congregation participating. The three-day event was filled with study and recreation. Among those attending were 14 families (with a total of 16 children) as well as singles and couples. The programs were designed to investigate the various aspects of Passover and how they relate to us. There were several programs specifically for the children but whenever possible, the children participated with the adults, thereby strengthening family units.

Phyllis Mintzer and Robert Hodgson, our Kadimah teachers, conducted the children's programs with the help of other weekend participants (many non-parents). Rabbi Kahn led the adult programs and the religious services. The mood was one of joy, relaxation and spirituality.

The programs included exploring our personal Exodus, as we come out as gay and lesbians, as Jews, and as parents. Appropriate thoughts were shared by those who were neither parents, gay nor lesbian. We studied the Haggadah by using over 20 different versions. We analyzed the Seder plate and how the items used centuries ago are still valid today in our own lives. Thanks to Larry Wexler, we took a hike to commune with nature, we sang songs, had a campfire and danced. Thanks to Mark Freeman, our own storyteller and others who helped babysit, the children had a slumber party.

We divided into five teams for CSZ–Camp Swig "Jeopardy." Hosted by our own Rabbi "Alex" and Gerry "Vanna" Geffner, this was a mixed adult/child event with special questions prepared for each group. We learned not only about Passover and ourselves, but also about our fellow congregants.

The test of a weekend such as this is the evaluation responses. Our return rate of responses was over 90 percent. The overwhelming rating for the weekend was *excellent*. Asked if the participants wished to return, the answer was emphatically "yes." Comments regarding the program were similarly impressive. There was a strong affirmative response to having this event twice a year.

An event such as this does not happen by itself; there is a lot of hard work in the planning stage. I would like to thank Peter Vishniac for acting as UAHC Liaison and Phyllis Mintzer and Robert Hodgson for their work on the children's programs. To our artists—Susan Greenspan, Bob Coffman, and Larry Wexler—your programs and signs were beautiful.

I would like to extend special thanks to the UAHC–Camp Swig staff—Beth and Eliot—for their tremendous help and support during the weekend. Kudos go to Eliot and the kitchen staff for the meals (especially the unforgettable tomato sauce). I also want to thank Rick Abrams for being such a wonderful and melodious song leader.

A special thanks to Rabbi Kahn for initiating this event and for his endless hours putting the weekend together. Next year in Camp Swig!

—Elliot Gordon, Chair Education Committee

Office Notes

Our Social Membership Roster is about to go into its second edition! The Social Membership Roster is available to members in good standing who pay a nominal fee of \$3, and is only for the personal use of our members (many new members are not yet on the list). If you are a new member or you were not included in the first edition and would like to be, please call the synagogue office by May 15. With your prompt response we can get out a new edition of the Social Membership Roster by June 1.

Camp It Up!

One of our members, Jill Rose, is helping to organize an alternative family camp. Camp It Up! will run this summer from August 27 through September 3 at the Berkeley Family Camp in Tuolumne, six miles from Yosemite. Camp It Up! will offer the pleasures of an old-fashioned family camp, enhanced by an atmosphere that supports our families in all their diversity. Programs for children and adults include swimming, hiking, crafts, folkdancing, an all-camp musical, campfires, singing and more. If you'd like more information, please call Jill at 530-0107 (home) or 534-8540 (work). The camp is filling up quickly, so call soon!

Cantorial Concert

The Northern California Board of Cantors in cooperation with the North and South Peninsula Regions of the Jewish Community Federation have scheduled a special Cantorial Concert in celebration of Operation Exodus for Monday, June 3, 7:30 pm, at Temple Beth Jacob in Redwood City.

Several cantors will offer their talents on behalf of the community-wide effort to resettle the hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews arriving in Israel and the United States. In addition, the special guest artist will be celebrated violinist, Zoya Layban, a Soviet emigre who has already achieved significant musical fame in the Bay Area. The cost of the program will be minimal to cover expenses and allow the broadest possible audience. Those who attend will have the opportunity to make gifts to Operation Exodus.

Reminder:

Women's Dance and Celebration (M'Chayeh)

Saturday • May 5 • 8:30 pm–12:30 am

Unitarian Center

Geary & Franklin Streets • San Francisco

All Jewish women and their women friends invited

Tickets: \$12 members • \$15 non-members

Call Ann at 648-5526 for more information

April Va'ad Meeting

The meeting began with the customary call to order and check-in. Rabbi Kahn led us in D'var Torah with this Hillel quote: "The reticent do not learn, and the hot-tempered do not teach." Rabbi Kahn's translation would be closer to "the reluctant do not learn well, and those who are quick to jump are not the best teachers."

After review and approval of the March minutes, Rabbi Kahn gave his report. He spoke about the excerpt from the Jewish Community Federation long-range plan included in his written report, which he feels shows the results of many years of our hard work educating and working with the Jewish community. He also told the Va'ad that a non-discrimination statement will be presented at the CCAR conference in Seattle, but will not be as strong as he had hoped. Some synagogue business was discussed, including our unofficial policy of viewing tuna as *treif* until the gill net issues are fully resolved in the fishing industry. Some objections had been raised because we prepared meals with tuna for the homeless program.

Ben Schalit covered the monthly financial statement. Eric Keitel read three thank-you letters from the AIDS Foundation; two for donation to the food bank, and one for a \$3,000 contribution made from a distribution of sales of our cookbook. Eric also discussed a trust which had been set up with CSZ as beneficiary, and a dispute over a bequest. Eric's written report contained an instruction sheet for Va'ad greeting on Friday nights, and there was some discussion about the responsibilities greeters are expected to assume.

Jenny Helbraun answered questions about her report and took corrections to the calendar. Following up on a suggestion from Eric Keitel, Jenny found a printer in Illinois whose costs are substantially lower on some heavily used items, and will save the synagogue up to \$1,000 a year in supplies.

Mike Rankin reported that he will be attending the next meeting of the UAHC Northern California AIDS Committee, hosted by Congregation Emanu-El where work will be done for the next regional biennial to be held in Monterey in February 1991. He discussed the AIDS education curriculum for kadimahs, and expressed the need for staff at the

UAHC AIDS Committee booth at the Sixth International Conference on AIDS June 20-24. Mike ended by showing us a poster and a mounted photo of the UAHC AIDS panel for the Names Project Quilt.

Don Albert presented the revised (and now balanced) 1990-91 budget, which will be submitted to the congregation for approval at the annual meeting in May. The Va'ad expressed its appreciation for all of the work done since last month, when the budget was presented with a large deficit, and then passed a motion to approve the 1990-91 budget as presented.

Claudia Bernard and Scott Mezistrano presented recommendations for High Holy Days 1990. There was considerable discussion about the system they presented, which involves advance planning and reservations, as well as different use of the additional seating rooms. The main sanctuary at the Unitarian Center holds at most 800 people, and our membership is now at 525. If every member brought just one guest, we couldn't fit everyone. An organized plan would help accommodate all members, guests and members of the public more smoothly than in the past. After talking through their concerns about the change this would represent from our current policy of totally open seating, Va'ad members agreed it was a well thought-out and workable plan. Additional details brought up at the meeting will be considered by the High

Holy Days coordinators, who will take the next appropriate steps. High Holy Days 1991 and beyond will be discussed at the May Va'ad meeting, after the Ritual Committee meets and members discuss their plans and recommendations.

The Bequests and Donations Committee presented a very detailed report on these categories of funds, ranging from basic definitions to synagogue policy and the mechanism for handling them. After some discussions and a few revisions, the Va'ad passed a motion to adopt the Bequests and Donations policy with the amendments made at the meeting.

The Va'ad also passed an amendment to the congregation's Publications Guidelines and Review Policy. The amendment was presented by Robin Leonard, and addresses copyright issues when a member works on a CSZ publication. Some revisions of the language were made prior to its passing.

Ann Biderman announced that the Woman's Chavurah is planning to get a group together to see Andrea Marcovici at the Great American Music Hall on May 27. Merry Luskin, chair of the membership committee, presented five new individuals and they were unanimously voted in as members. The full meeting then adjourned, followed by a closed session on personnel and membership issues. The very lengthy meeting was adjourned at 10:40 pm with a weary rendition of Oseh Shalom.

—Gail Friedlander, Recorder



Kadimah Purim 1990. Photo by Jano Oscherwitz.

**1 Tuesday
6 Iyyar**

- World Union of Progressive Judaism International Conference, London

**2 Wednesday
7 Iyyar**

- World Union of Progressive Judaism International Conference, London
- 7:30pm, Israel Education Series

**3 Thursday
8 Iyyar**

- World Union of Progressive Judaism International Conference, London
- 6:30pm, Long-Range Planning Committee
- 7:30pm, Newsletter editing, 1711 Castro

**4 Friday
9 Iyyar**

- World Union of Progressive Judaism International Conference, London
- 7:30–8:05pm, Gift shop open
- 8:15pm, Services, Acharei Mot/Kedoshim, Mike Rankin and Dana Vinicoff

**5 Saturday
10 Iyyar**

- World Union of Progressive Judaism International Conference, London
- 9:30am, Kadimah
- 8:30pm, Women's dance, Unitarian Center

**6 Sunday
11 Iyyar**

- World Union of Progressive Judaism International Conference, London
- 4pm, Ensemble rehearsal

**7 Monday
12 Iyyar****8 Tuesday
13 Iyyar****9 Wednesday
14 Iyyar**

- 7:30pm, Israel Education Series

**10 Thursday
15 Iyyar**

- 7:30pm, Newsletter proofing/layout, 1711 Castro

**11 Friday
16 Iyyar**

- 7:30–8:05pm, Gift shop open
- 8:15pm, Services, Emor, Nancy-Carol Adler and Tiela Chalmers

**12 Saturday
17 Iyyar**

- 9:30am, Kadimah
- 10:30am, Morning services, Emor, Ritual Committee

**13 Sunday
18 Iyyar**

- Mother's Day
Lag B'Omer**
- 4pm, Ensemble rehearsal

**14 Monday
19 Iyyar**

- 6:30pm, Va'ad meeting
- 7:30–10pm, Gift shop open

**15 Tuesday
20 Iyyar**

- 7:30pm, Celebration of Life, MCC

**16 Wednesday
21 Iyyar****17 Thursday
22 Iyyar**

- 7:30pm, Bikkur Cholim

**18 Friday
23 Iyyar**

- 7:30–8:05pm, Gift shop open
- 8:15pm, Services, Behar/Bechukotai, Torah Service, Daniel Chesir and Nancy-Carol Adler

**19 Saturday
24 Iyyar**

- Kadimah Family Learning Day
- 9:30am, Kadimah
- 11am, Spirituality Chavurah hike on Mt. Tam

**20 Sunday
25 Iyyar**

- 4pm, Congregational Meeting
- 7pm, AIDS Candlelight Vigil, Jefferson Square, San Francisco

**21 Monday
26 Iyyar****22 Tuesday
27 Iyyar**

- 7:30pm, Feminism & Judaism

**23 Wednesday
28 Iyyar****24 Thursday
29 Iyyar****25 Friday
1 Sivan**

- 7:30–8:05pm, Gift shop open
- 8:15pm, Services, Bemidbar, Tiela Chalmers, Rabbi Kahn and Bill Schlichter, childcare available

**26 Saturday
2 Sivan**

- 10:30am, Morning services, Bemidbar, Rabbi Kahn and Bill Schlichter

**27 Sunday
3 Sivan**

- 10:30am, Kaiser Brunch—Kaiser Hospital, San Francisco
- 8pm, Women's Cancer Resource Center benefit, Great American Music Hall

**28 Monday
4 Sivan****Memorial Day**

- 4pm, Ensemble rehearsal
- 7pm–10pm, Gift shop open

**29 Tuesday
5 Sivan****Erev Shavuot**

- 7pm, Potluck
- 7:30pm, Feminism & Judaism
- 8:15pm, Services, Daniel Chesir and Larry Wexler; study session follows

**30 Wednesday
6 Sivan****Shavuot—First Day****31 Thursday
7 Sivan****Shavuot—Second Day**

- 6:30pm, Ritual Committee
- 7:30pm, Social Action Committee

Classified

HOW TO DEAL WITH YOUR DOCTOR. A six-week group on patients' rights and assertiveness training begins June 12. Call Nanci Stern, M.A., C.D.E. 863-5081.

We recently learned that Penny Dachinger, a past Sha'ar Zahav co-leader and a current member of our Miami sibling congregation, Etz Chaim, is ill. We wish her a speedy recovery and strength in her rehabilitation.

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| 1 Friday 8 Sivan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30–8:05pm, Gift shop open 8:15pm, Services, Naso, Leslie Bergson and Susan Unger | 9 Saturday 16 Sivan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSZ Scholar-In-Residence Weekend 10:30am, Morning services, Beha'alotecha, Rabbi Yoel Kahn and Rabbi Stacey Offner 5pm, Open house with Rabbi Offner | 16 Saturday 23 Sivan | 24 Sunday 1 Tammuz Gay Freedom Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30am, Kaiser Brunch—Kaiser Hospital, San Francisco 4pm, Ensemble rehearsal |
| 2 Saturday 9 Sivan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kadimah Shavuot picnic | 10 Sunday 17 Sivan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4pm, Ensemble rehearsal | 17 Sunday 24 Sivan Father's Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4pm, Ensemble rehearsal | 25 Monday 2 Tammuz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm–10pm, Gift shop open |
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| 7 Thursday 14 Sivan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm, Long-Range Planning Committee | 15 Friday 22 Sivan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30–8:05pm, Gift shop open 8:15pm, Services, Shelach, Installation, Jose Luis Moscovich and Ritual Committee | 22 Friday 29 Sivan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm–8:05pm, Gift shop open 8:15pm, Services, Korach, Torah Service, Shabbat Freedom, Rabbi Yoel Kahn and Tiela Chalmers | 30 Saturday 7 Tammuz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30am, Morning services, Chukat, Sue Douglass and Bill Schlichter 8:30pm, Bar/Bat Mitzvah Celebration at Green Room |
| 8 Friday 15 Sivan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSZ Scholar-In-Residence Weekend 7:30–8:05pm, Gift shop open 8:15pm, Services, Beha'alotecha, Rabbi Yoel Kahn, Rabbi Stacey Offner and Lyssa Friedman | | 23 Saturday 30 Sivan | |

Education

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to be relevant to everyone. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings in the library, 7:30–9 pm, beginning on May 22.

May 22—Overview of Feminism and Judaism;

May 29—The Biblical Perspective;

June 5—The Rabbinic Perspectives;

June 12—Discussion of the Goddess and Women's Role in the Rabbinic Period and Jewish views of Feminine Sexuality;

June 19—Jewish Women's Spirituality;

July 10—Jewish Women's Ritual and

Conclusion.

The course will use writings from the Torah, the Mishnah, and the Talmud, as well as writings by contemporary women authors. The reading material will be distributed the week prior to the discussion.

The cost of the course is \$30 for members and \$48 for non-members, plus a \$3 materials fee.

Additionally, Claire Sherman, BFA, ceramic sculptor specialist in Jewish ritual art, will be teaching three monthly workshops titled: *Jewish Ritual Objects: How To Use Them; How To Make Them*. The course will be held on Sunday mornings

in the library from 11 am to 1:30 pm beginning June 3.

June 3—Mezuzot: using Fimo (a plastic clay in a variety of colors).

July 15—Papercut Mizrachim: using Exacto knives, colored paper, cardboard and glue.

August 5—Amulets: using felt, fabric glue, beads, scissors, ribbon, paper, needles and thread.

Each class will begin with a discussion of the object, including its history and use. The cost for each workshop is \$8 for members and \$12 for non-members, plus a \$3 materials fee. Call the office to make reservations for these courses.

An Emissary Speaks

On March 30, the congregation was addressed by David Bernstein, a native San Franciscan who made aliyah (emigrated to Israel) in 1979. A resident of Kibbutz Yahel, David is in the United States as the Reform Movement's National Shaliach (emissary). The following are excerpts:

Friends, we are living in a very difficult time in the history of the Jewish people and, in particular, the history of the modern State of Israel. The *intifada* (uprising) has entered its third year and the end is not in sight; the "Who is a Jew?" issue is still argued both in Israel and in the world Jewish community; the opening of the doors of the USSR is challenging the ability of both Israel and the American Jewish community to absorb and integrate Soviet Jews; and the Israeli government has come apart.

In the 10 years following the 1948 founding of the state, Israel tripled its population. Holocaust survivors, North African, Middle Eastern and Far Eastern Jewry from 100 different countries speaking 150 different languages all became part of the Israel scene. With difficulties, they were absorbed successfully. These people, mostly from totalitarian countries, managed to create a proud democracy. It's fashionable today to point out the flaws in Israel's democratic system, coalitions, unruly Knesset, etc. But the miracle is we have sustained it. Compare it to any other country. Even compare it to the United States which had a stable, homogeneous population base for its first 100 years.

There is another accomplishment of Israel's which, perhaps in today's context, many of you will disagree with me about. Israel rebuilt Jewish pride badly scarred by the Holocaust. It's no accident that the improved status and self-image of American Jewry paralleled Israel's coming into being as a state and reached its zenith after the Five-Day-War of 1967 and the Entebbe Raid of 1976. Today's situation, which has caused a weakening of pride in Israel according to many observers, is causing a weakening of Jewish pride. The question is can we retain pride and love for Israel when Israel doesn't look as nice? In my opinion, the survival of the Jewish people depend on it.

It could be said that after surviving five wars, Israel is engaged in a sixth and

hopefully final war, only it's a different kind of war. After 22 years of holding the territories, a new generation of Palestinians is facing a new generation of Israelis, both sides born after the occupation. It's crucial to remove the media pictures from our minds and see the situation for what it is. It's not a civil rights struggle, Palestinians aren't blacks and Yasir Arafat is definitely not Martin Luther King. The issues are political—over rights to sovereignty.

It's not easy to verify whether the PLO has recognized us or whether, as is written in Arabic newspapers, the two-state solution is just a strategy to get all of Israel. Even though I'm personally on the left and support far-ranging compromises that could lead to a Palestinian state, I urge everyone to not judge simplistically. We cannot just make peace with the Palestinians—what about the other Arab nations like Jordan, Syria and Iraq—still in a state of war?

While the peace process slowly moves forward, we are still in the territories. Yes, there have been cases of undue brutality by Israeli soldiers. I condemn all of those cases and am proud to say that there have many court martials. But, in general, I feel that under incredible pressure in a war they were never trained to fight (civil disobedience), Is-

raeli soldiers have maintained a high morality. With more reporters in Israel than in any other country except the United States and the USSR, they will certainly find things. Let's all remember our record as Americans in our recent history. In Panama, 700 civilians were killed or wounded during the first week of the U.S. invasion while all press was excluded from the country.

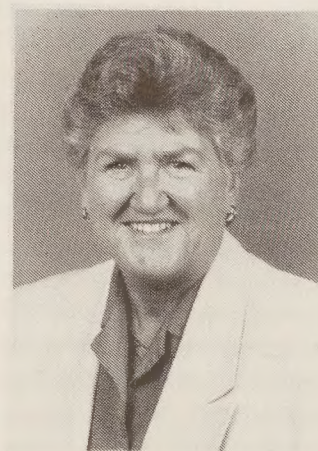
An issue that is no less crucial is "Who is a Jew?" or the real issue of what kind of a state Israel will be. While not granting Reform and Conservative rabbis the power to legally perform life cycle events in Israel, the Supreme Court has concluded that Reform and Conservative conversions are now recognized under the Law of Return. This is a significant step. Hopefully we will continue making progress in the area of religious pluralism. Support for your Reform institutions and for ARZA can make a big difference.

Again, rather than letting the "Who is a Jew?" issue, the government situation, the absorption challenges or the *intifada* distance you from Israel, let them be a rallying cry for involving yourself in the process of building Israel. Our challenge is to build a state and survive in the real world, while implanting Jewish values.

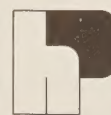
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Elie Wiesel, *Night*, and Uncle Alvin

While growing up in Massachusetts, I would always look forward to sharing a meal with my Uncle Alvin and his wonderful family. The reason was not the food (which *was* extraordinarily good), but rather the outlook my Uncle Alvin had on the state of the world in general, and specifically the state of Israel, Zionism and Judaism. I might characterize Alvin's viewpoints as ultra-conservative when it came to many key issues: what it meant to be Jewish in a non-Jewish world; the importance of a strong Zionist movement; the role of a powerful Israel in the Middle East and many other assorted topics he was inclined to expound on. More often than not, arguments (and even shouting matches) would erupt. Alvin always seemed to take the position that he knew better than anyone else at the table about what was "good for the Jews." I always listened to Alvin with all the respect a nephew owed an uncle, but I must admit that I never really took his points of view to heart. Then I read *Night*.

Elie Wiesel's first book, *Night*, was published in 1960. The story opens in 1942 with a character named Moshe the Beadle about to be expelled from Wiesel's Transylvania town of Sighet. The Nazis had decreed that all foreigners were to be deported and Moshe was a foreigner. Crammed into a cattle car, he was taken away, and soon forgotten by his fellow Jews. After a period of several months, however, Moshe reappeared in front of the town's synagogue.

He recounted a horrible story of mass slaughter which he had been able to escape. He had been wounded in the leg and left for dead. Now, Moshe's self-imposed mission was to go from one Jewish home to another to tell his story of almost indescribable horror. But, Wiesel tells us: "People refused not only to believe his stories, but even to listen to them." "He's gone mad." "He's just trying to make us pity him, what an imagination he has!"

Even Wiesel, a teenager at the time, did not believe Moshe, and challenged him to explain why he felt he had to tell the town's Jews the far-fetched tales. Moshe responded, "I wanted to come back to Sighet to tell you the story of my death, so that you could prepare yourselves while there was still time.... I

wanted to come back to warn you. And see how it is, no one will listen to me."

Spring 1944 came. Moshe the Beadle was silent, although he continued to wander around the synagogue and the streets. At that time, it was still possible to obtain emigration permits for Palestine. Wiesel asked his father to consider selling the business and to take the family out of the country. His father's response was, "I'm too old, my son. I'm too old to start a new life. I'm too old to start from scratch again in a country so far away."

And then I began to think of my Uncle Alvin, who lost his mother and a number of other members of his family in the death camps. For some strange reason, I was beginning to think of my Uncle Alvin as Moshe the Beadle!

Elie Wiesel's story continues as he is rounded up with his family, sent to Auschwitz, and finally freed in Buchenwald. His mother, father and sister did not survive.

If you decide to read this short book, it will be an important and worthwhile investment of a few hours of your time. It's difficult to forget the torture, the "selections" and the general bleakness which pervades this work. You will especially not forget the way in which the victims refused to believe the warnings when they still might have had a chance to flee.

After having read *Night*, I had come to understand the urgency and desperation behind my uncle's beliefs. My Uncle Alvin as Moshe the Beadle? Perhaps the idea was not as silly as it seemed. Both men had seen their share of evil and had suffered from it in a personal way. Both men had done their best to warn those around them of the consequences of inaction. I finally understood what Uncle Alvin was trying to say.

The day after I read *Night*, I switched on the MacNeil-Lehrer News Hour and there was Elie Wiesel, expressing his feelings about the reunification of Germany. "No," he stated, "I categorically reject the views of many of my fellow Jews who believe that the sins of the fathers will be carried over onto the sons. I cannot agree with my friends who would never, ever, purchase a German car. And I believe that to refuse to even step foot in modern day Germany

is not right. However, I must say that I have misgivings deep down in my heart about what is taking place in Germany today. Germany has changed a great deal over the years, and yet...."

—Mark Mackler

Naches

To Aaron Cooper and Rabbi Yoel Kahn whose articles, respectively, "No Longer Invisible: Gay and Lesbian Jews Build a Movement" and "Judaism and Homosexuality," were published in a special issue of the *Journal of Homosexuality* on "Homosexuality and Religion."

To Allyce Kimmerling, who recently became assistant legal counsel at the San Francisco Housing Authority.

To Steve Greenberg, on the purchase of his new house in San Leandro.

To Grace Laurencin, Laurie Hauer, and children Jordie and Maya who have moved to Santa Cruz to pursue a more relaxed life style. (They would love to stay in touch with their Sha'ar Zahav extended family.)

To Daniel Chesir on his new job with Kaiser Permanente in Oakland.

To Merry Luskin who recently began working with San Francisco State Hillel.

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Toda Raba to everyone who volunteered their time helping Project Open Hand on April 13-15. This was our first Easter weekend with Open Hand and was as successful as our traditional Christmas weekend. During these holiday periods Project Open Hand is usually short of volunteers for food preparation and deliveries. As in the past, CSZ volunteers helped fill the gap to ensure that meals were prepared and delivered.

Project Open Hand, located on 17th Street at Bryant, delivers prepared meals to people with AIDS. Their ever-growing clientele necessitates the continual need for more volunteers. While we will continue to have the holiday volunteer weekends, we are also seeking congregants willing to donate time on a regular basis. All interested volunteers, please contact Shirley Liberman at the synagogue office or 863-7502. Thanks again to everyone.

—Robin Barnett, Elliot Gordon,
Coordinators



Lou Valla, Food Bank Coordinator for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, accepts a \$3,000 check from CSZ while Eric Keitel, Robin Leonard and Rabbi Kahn look on.

Photo by Claude Sprague

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The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) is the nation's largest political organization fighting for gay and lesbian civil rights. It provides money to candidates that support gay and lesbian civil rights and lobbies and educates our elected representatives. To increase the visibility of gay and lesbian families in the media, Congress and state legislatures, the HRCF has created the National Family Registry. Any gay or lesbian family—defined as "a person's primary and most important affectional and personal support system of close relationships"—can register.

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Sibling Notes

Ahavat Shalom (San Francisco)—Has formed a Havurah Committee, a project of the synagogue, to gather for small, informal, havurah-like events. They continue to suspend services, and the board will act in only an administrative capacity.

Bet Havarim (Atlanta)—Dedicated a new torah on March 9.

Beth Chayim Chadashim (Los Angeles)—Elected new officers for the 1990-1991 term. They are: President Ralph Stevens, Vice Presidents Noah Alexander and Ellen Jaffe McClain, Secretary Arthur Kitnick and Treasurer Fred S. Congratulations to all. The congregation also voted to make the officers' terms two years beginning in 1991.

Etz Chaim (Miami)—Celebrates its Sweet Sixteen this May with a Gala Dinner Dance at the Fort Lauderdale Airport Hilton Hotel.

Havurat Achayot (Chicago)—Held a discussion of Jewish women in the labor movement following the March Shabbat service, and will have a presentation on the Jewish Lesbian Daughters of Holocaust Survivors after their May Shabbat services.

Jewish Gay and Lesbian Group (London)—Holds an average of 10 events per month, including Shabbat services, guided walks, picnics, theater visits and memorial services. Your World Congress delegate plans to join the Jewish Gay and Lesbian Group for some of their May events!

Or Chadash (Chicago)—Held a Parents and Friends Shabbat service on March 23; they encouraged all members to bring parents, friends and other special people in their lives with them to services. On April 16, Or Chadash and the Good Shepherd MCC held an interfaith Seder, with the church preparing the meal.

Shirley Liberman, chair of the 1990 congregational Passover seder, wishes to thank all those who contributed their time and effort toward making the event such a success.

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Services are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the second and last Saturday of each month at 10:30 am — check calendar for each month.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav (Congregation of the Golden Gate) is located in the Upper Market District of San Francisco at 220 Danvers at Caselli, which is one block south of the intersection of 18th & Market streets. By public transport, take MUNI bus 33 Stanyan to 18th & Danvers and walk one block south on Danvers to Caselli.

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